THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY): (a) The pendency of cases in the Supreme Court for 10 years or more as on 1st January, 1991 is as given below:—

(i) Civil Appeals 624

(ii) Criminal Appeals 802

(iii) Revision cases No revision petitions are filed in the Supreme Court.

(b) and (c) A number of important constitutional and urgent public interest matters have necessitated setting up of more than one Constitutional Bench for considerable period of time resulting in delays in other cases. The Supreme Court has taken steps to expedite hearing of cases by re-arranging the business of the Court, grouping of cases involving common issues, use of computers, etc.

News item regarding heavy duty on yarn

*179. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item titled "Recession hits powerloom units in Bhiwandi" which appeared in the Business and Political Observer, dated January 25, 1991 wherein the plight of three-and-a-half to four lakh powerlooms affected adversely by the steep increase in the raw material cost due to heavy duty imposed on yarn has been highlighted :

(b) whether it is a fact that the duty imposed on yarn to raise the revenue has come at a time when there has been a slump in the local and export markets for yarn, adding to the reduction in operating capacity; and

(c) if so, what steps Governnment propose to take to remedy the situation?

THE FINANCE MINISTER (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Export markets are not affected by increase in excise duty, since exports are not effectively subjected to any excise duty. As regards local markets, the figures of production (till 15-2-1991) for polyester filament yarn and nylon filament yarn used by the powerloom sector do not indicate any significant fall in production after the duty hike on 15-12-1990.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Agricultural loans not covered by Loan Waiver Scheme

*180. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:

DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated amount of agricultural loans excluding the amount covered under the loan waiver scheme outstanding at the end of 1990, State-wise;

(b) what is the amount of loan recovered since the beginning of 1990 till the close of the year State-wise;

(c) what are the reasons for the slow recovery of the recoverable farm loans during 1990;

(d) what is the amount of farm loans, if any, extended during 1990 State-wise; and

(e) what are the possibilities of recovery of the recoverable loans in 1991?

THE FINANCE MINISTER (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) The outstanding loan of public sector banks, regional rural banks and cooperatives, for agricultural and allied activities was Rs. 28617 crores, as at the end of June, 1990. The figures after this date not available. It will not be possible to identity as to now much portion of the above outstanding loans, State-

wise, would be covered under the Debt Relief Scheme. However, the details of amounts written off under the Scheme, State-wise, are given in the Statement-I laid on the Table of the House.

(b) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has reported that the recoveries of short-term loans by Central Cooperative Banks during the year 1990-91, upto December 1990, was Rs. 738 crores. The State-wise figures are given in the Statement-II laid on the Table of the House. Similar figures for Public Sector Banks are not readily available.

(c) Final picture of the demand and recovery for the year 1990-91 can be ascertained only after the end of June, 1991 for making a relative comparison with the previous year. Collections are made till end June.

(d) As reported by NABARD the advances made by Central Cooperative Banks in the year 1990-91, upto December 1990, was Rs. 1005 crores The State-wise details are given in Statement-II laid on the Table of the House.

(e) It is not possible to make a firm estimate or projection at this stage about recovery performance for the year 1991. However, the announcement of Debt Relief Scheme did generate wrong expectations amongst borrowers for future repayments also which is affecting the recoveries.

Statement—I

Sl. No.	Name of States/Union Territories	No. of beneficiaries who have been given relief	Amount (Rs. in crores)
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2435776	714.0
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	4905	0.86
3.	Assam	278775	59.38
4.	Bihar	2754358	682.02
5.	Goa	17010	3.58
6.	Gujarat	1236394	465.01
7.	Haryana	536107	210.90
8.	Himachal Pradesh	79263	18.38
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	10527	3.34
10.	Karnataka	1328203	408.66
11.	Kerala	32052	6.58
12.	Madhya Pradesh	1688897	388.53
13.	Maharasthra	2760728	732.52
14.	Manipur	52789	7.93
15.	Meghalaya	16238	6.59

1	2	3	4
16.	Mizoram	6254	2.58
17.	Nagaland	9917	4.43
18.	Orissa	2040025	375.16
19.	Punjab	418683	176.81
20.	Rajasthan	1699177	460.18
21.	Sikkim	8501	2.51
22.	Tamil Nadu	1778172	487.11
23.	Tripura	136731	21.34
24.	Uttar Pradesh	4340260	890.93
25.	West Bengal	1908278	309.91
26.	Chandigarh	1027	0.44
27.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1211	0.14
28.	Daman & Diu	8988	1.36
29.	Delhi	8713	3.55
30.	Lakshdweep	—	—
31.	Pondicherry	17664	4.67
32.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	2609	0.62

Statement—II

Position of Advances/Recovery of Short Term (Seasonal Agricultural Operation) by Central Cooperative Banks during 1990-91

(Rs. in crores)

Name of State/U.T.	Advance	Recovery 1990-91*
1	2	3
Andhra Pradesh	85.66	37.47
Orissa	22.14	0.19
Uttar Pradesh	144.31	—
Madhya Pradesh	56.38	74.54
Karnataka	23.77	10.22
Tamil Nadu	84.99	64.65
Gujarat	151.88	69.05
Rajasthan	39.41	66.51
Haryana	62.33	118.05

1	2	3
Punjab	178.48	168.45
Maharasthra	134.97	79.45
Delhi	0.01	0.22
Bihar	13.45	19.63
West Bengal	12.72	3.92
Tripura	0.61	0.137
Kerala	40.07	25.93
Assam	1.58	0.25
Mizoram	—	—
Meghalaya	—	—
Jammu & Kashmir	—	—
TOTAL :	1052.76	738.47

(*) Provisional date upto Dec., 90.

(—) Indicates information not available.

Demand of States for more Economic Power

@1003. SHRI IARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some State Governments have made representations to the Government of India demanding more powers for State Governments on economic matters; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Some State Governments suggested to the Commission on Centre-State relations as also in the meeting of the Inter-State Council held on 10-10-1990 that some more economic powers may be given to the States. The matter is under consideration.

@Previously Unstarred Question 295, transferred from the 26th February, 1991.

Indian Projects affected by the Gulf War

@@1004. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of Indian projects and their total value which have been affected due to the Gulf War; and

(b) whether the Indian companies have incurred heavy losses and if so, the details of such companies and the value of their bills left unpaid due to the war?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

@@Previously Unstarred Question 426, transferred from the 27th February, 1991.